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FM AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6305

INFO NSF POLAR, WASHDC IMMEDIATE

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E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: TPHY, OSCI, XV, AR

SUBJECT: PERSONNEL REPLACEMENT, PALMER STATION

REF: STATE 170722

1. EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED THIS MATTER IN
PRELIMINARY WAY WITH
ANTARCTIC DEPT. OF ARGENTINE AIR FORCE (MAJOR CANO). THEY
FORESEE NO PARTICULAR DIFFICULTY AND ARE WILLING TO COOPERATE.
(THEY WOULD EVEN RUN EXTRA FLIGHTS IF NEED BE.)

2. CANO TELLS US THAT NORMAL SCHEDULE HAS ONE C-130 FLIGHT PER
MONTH LEAVING BUENOS AIRES ON/ABOUT THE 20TH, FOR MARAMBIO
WITH OVERNIGHT AT RIO GALLEGOS. SAME PLANE RETURNS TO RIO
GALLEGOS, THEN MAKES ONE OR TWO ADDITIONAL CROSSINGS TO
MARAMBIO DEPENDING ON AMOUNT OF CARGO TO BE DELIVERED. UPON
DELIVERY OF ALL CARGO, IT RETURNS VIA RIO GALLEGOS TO BUENOS
AIRES. NEXT FLIGHT SCHEDULED TO LEAVE ON/ABOUT JULY 20.

3. COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS EXIST FROM BUENOS AIRES TO RIO GALLEGOS
(AUSTRAL, AEROLINEAS ARGENTINAS); THUS IT POSSIBLE THAT
REPLACEMENT COULD CATCH C-130 FOR 2ND OR 3RD CROSSING TO
MARAMBIO DAY OR TWO AFTER JULY 21. AFTER THIS,⁶ #923;34,
NEXT REGULAR C-130 FOR MARAMBIO WOULD DEPART FROM BUENOS AIRES
ON/ABOUT AUG 20.

4. TWIN OTTER FLIGHTS FROM MARAMBIO TO PALMER MADE, AS NSF
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AWARE, IRREGULARLY DEPENDING ON MAIL TO DELIVER, WEATHER

CONDITIONS, OTHER NEEDS, ETC.

5. NSF MAY WISH CONSIDER TRYING GET HANKEL-SHEPARD OVER TO MARAMBIO IN TIME TO BRING HIM UP TO BUENOS AIRES (OR AT LEAST RIO GALLEGOS) ON THE JULY C-130 RUN, REGARDLESS OF STATUS OF REPLACEMENT.

6. ARG. AF WANTS A LETTER FROM EMBASSY REQUESTING THIS SPACE. WE WILL PREPARE WHEN RECEIVE NYS REACTIONS TO ABOVE INFO.

7. ARG. AF AGREED TO MAINTAIN CONFIDENTIALITY THIS SUBJECT.

8. ADVISE SOONEST.

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